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The present invention discloses the identification, isolation and cloning of a gene encoding a novel cancer antigen NY ESO-1/CAG-3 and peptides thereof derived from various open reading frames from the NY ESO-1 gene. The novel cancer antigen and peptides are recognized by cytotoxic T lymphocytes in an HLA restricted manner. The products of the gene are promising candidates for immunotherapeutic strategies for the prevention, treatment and diagnosis of patients with cancer.